

Claims

1. A picture receiver, comprising:

5 a program information accumulating means for accumulating program information;

a viewing information obtaining means for obtaining program information of a currently viewing program;

10 a program recommending means for specifying a recommended program being on the air or to be put on the air within a predetermined time in accordance with program information from the program information accumulating means, program information of the currently viewing program from the viewing information obtaining means, and a predetermined recommendation standard; and

15 a picture displaying means for displaying two pictures of the recommended program and the currently viewing program in accordance with information from the program recommending means.

2. The picture receiver of claim 1,

wherein the program recommending means judges whether or not the recommended program matches the currently viewing program, and

20 the picture displaying means executes two-picture display only when the program recommending means judges that the recommended program does not match the currently viewing program.

3. The picture receiver of claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising:

25 a user's input means for accepting user's input,

wherein the picture displaying means shifts the mode to one-picture display of either the recommended program or the currently viewing program in accordance with input information from the user's input means.

- 5 4. A program recommending method, comprising the steps of:
 accumulating program information;
 obtaining program information of a currently viewing program;
 specifying a recommended program being on the air or to be put on the air
 within a predetermined time in accordance with the accumulated program
10 information, program information of the currently viewing program, and a
 predetermined recommendation standard; and
 displaying two pictures of the recommended program specified and the
 currently viewing program.

- 15 5. The program recommending method of claim 4,
 wherein the step of displaying two pictures displays two pictures of the
 recommended program and the currently viewing program when the recommended
 program does not match the currently viewing program.

- 20 6. The program recommending method of claim 4 or claim 5, further
 comprising:
 a step of shifting the mode from two-picture display to one-picture display of
 either the recommended program or the currently viewing program in accordance
 with user's input.